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Epidemiological Report | Week # 19– 2026

19 (10 – 16 May, 2026)

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **608 (99.1 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **727,626** new consultations were reported, among which **261,434 (35.9%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **134,217 (51.3%)** females and **126,066 (48.2%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **154,577** cases (**21.2%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **79,343** cases (**10.9%**), and pneumonia with **22,079** cases (**3%**).

A total of **357** deaths were reported this week, of which **43 (12%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **31 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **5 suspected meningitis** deaths, **5 measles** death and **2 acute viral hepatitis** deaths.

During this week, **43** outbreaks were reported: **19 scabies** outbreaks, **7 chickenpox** outbreaks, **4 measles** outbreaks, **4 dog bite / suspected rabies** outbreaks, **3 pertussis** outbreaks, **1 CCHF** outbreak, **1 conjunctivitis** outbreak, **1 food poisoning** outbreak, **1 leishmaniasis** outbreak, **1 malaria** outbreak and **1 mumps** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 19-2026

Top 7 Diseases	Cases				Deaths				Total				CFR
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Cases		Deaths		
	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	Number	%	Number	%	
AWD with Dehydration	1040	805	912	879	0	0	0	0	3636	0.5	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	7536	3619	6692	4232	14	3	12	2	22079	3.0	31	8.7	0.14
Measles	231	78	221	85	2	0	3	0	615	0.1	5	1.4	0.81
CCHF	0	26	0	15	0	0	0	0	41	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	118	524	130	463	0	0	0	0	1235	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	19	0	17	0	0	0	0	36	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	0	686	2	584	0	0	0	0	1272	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

Figure 1: Surveillance/ NDSR sentinel sites location by type of health facility, 2026

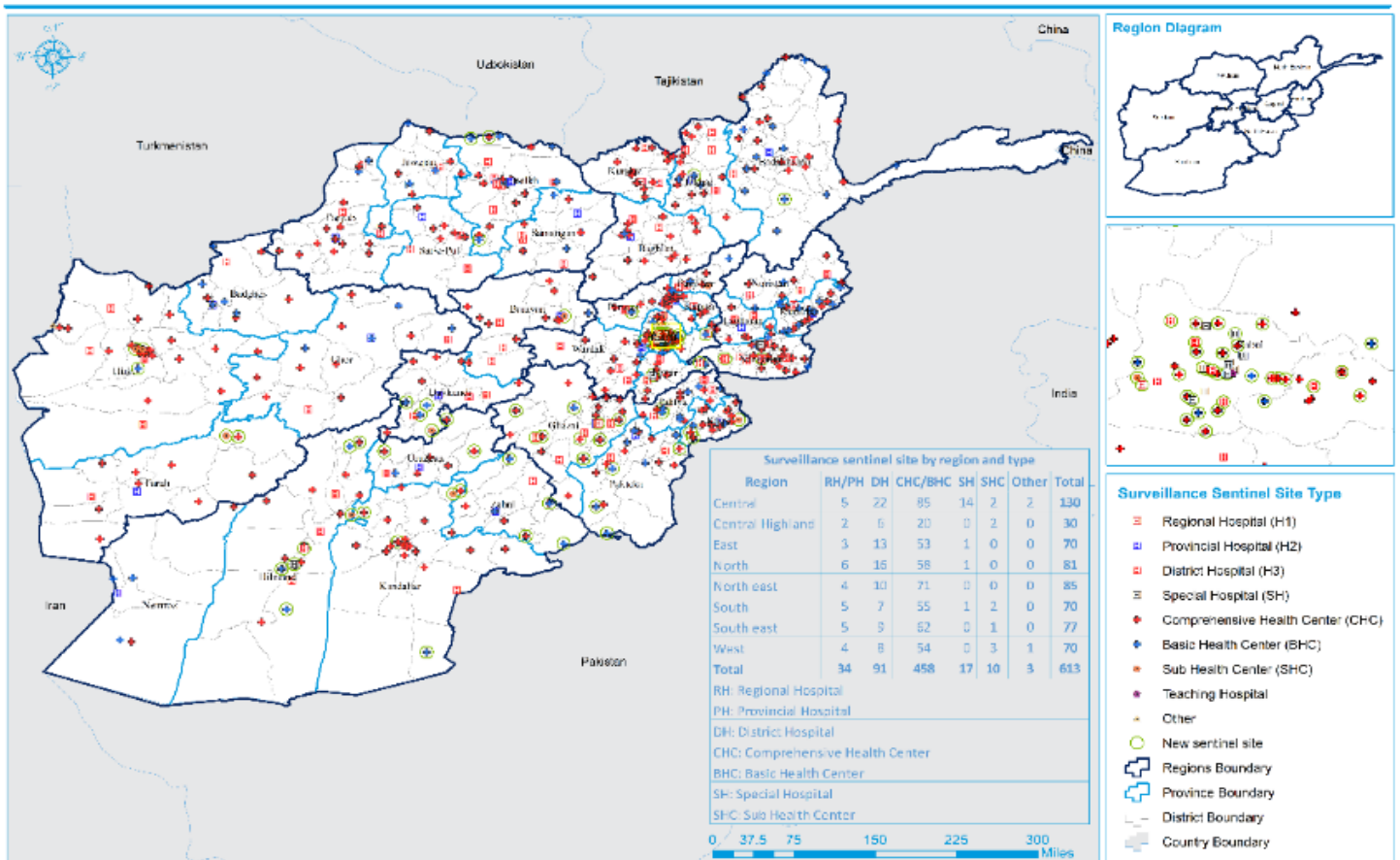


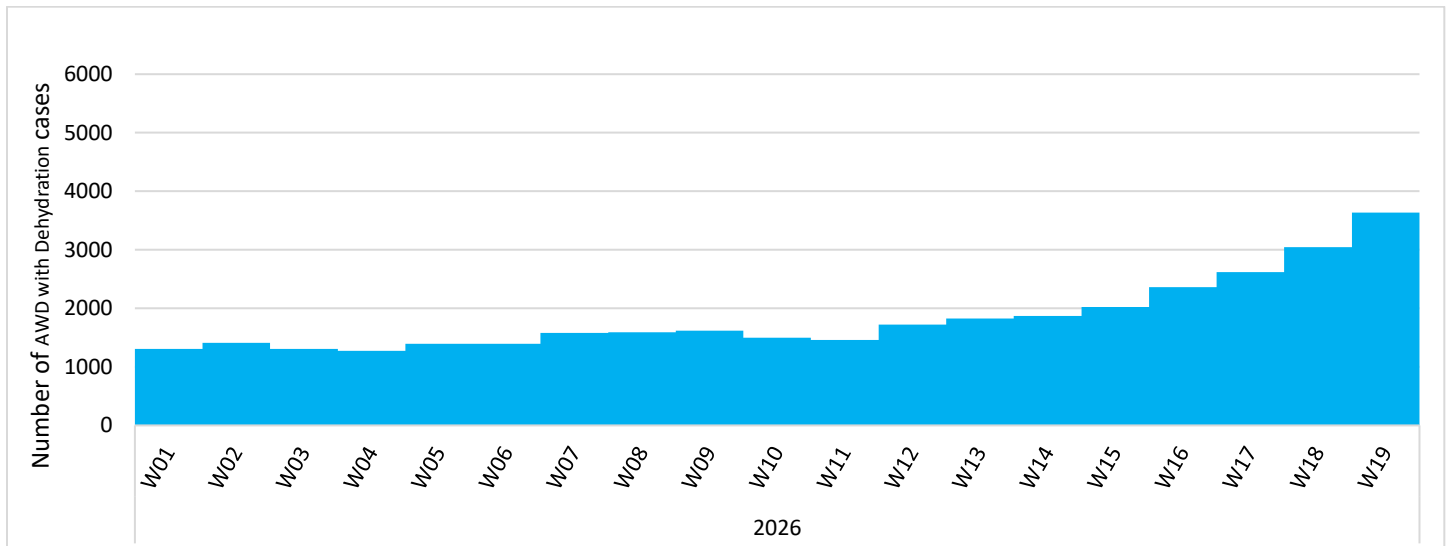
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W19, 2026)

Surveillance Indicators	Cases				Deaths				Total				CFR
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Cases		Deaths		
	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	Number	%	Number	%	
AWD with Dehydration	10,194	7,491	9,267	8,007	7	2	2	1	34,959	0.3	12	0.2	0.03
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	50,586	55,107	46,473	57,053	0	0	0	0	209,219	1.6	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	173	97	169	77	0	0	0	0	516	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	837	1,083	694	1,126	13	9	5	4	3,740	0.0	31	0.4	0.83
Acute Watery Diarrhea	192,878	114,133	182,641	126,022	0	0	0	0	615,674	4.8	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	673,083	868,745	650,868	1,024,876	0	0	0	0	3,217,572	25.2	0	0.0	0.00
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	188	0	105	0	5	0	2	293	0.0	7	0.1	2.39
Confirmed Malaria	739	3,170	686	2,629	0	0	0	0	7,224	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	4,872	1,088	4,207	1,166	26	1	17	0	11,333	0.1	44	0.6	0.39
Covid-19	28	12,099	102	12,049	0	0	0	0	24,278	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	333	35	316	25	0	0	0	0	709	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	202,152	100,680	183,228	116,251	516	111	421	88	602,311	4.7	1,136	14.4	0.19
Meningitis	768	582	680	536	34	20	33	22	2,566	0.0	109	1.4	4.25
Dengue Fever	0	191	0	83	0	0	0	0	274	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	0.0	2	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	647	9,735	592	12,498	0	0	0	0	23,472	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,137,293	1,174,424	1,079,926	1,362,505	597	148	479	117	4,754,148	37.3	1,341	17	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	1,994,303	3,463,043	1,943,526	5,345,183	2,371	2,207	1,721	1,583	12,746,055	100	7,882	100	0.06

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase since week 07-2026.
- During 19th week of 2026, a total of 3,636 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 1,952 (53.6%) were under-five children, and 1,791 (49.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 34,959 AWD + dehydration cases and 12 deaths (CFR=0.03%) have been reported. Of these cases 19,461 (55.6%) are children under five and 17,274 (49.4%) are females.

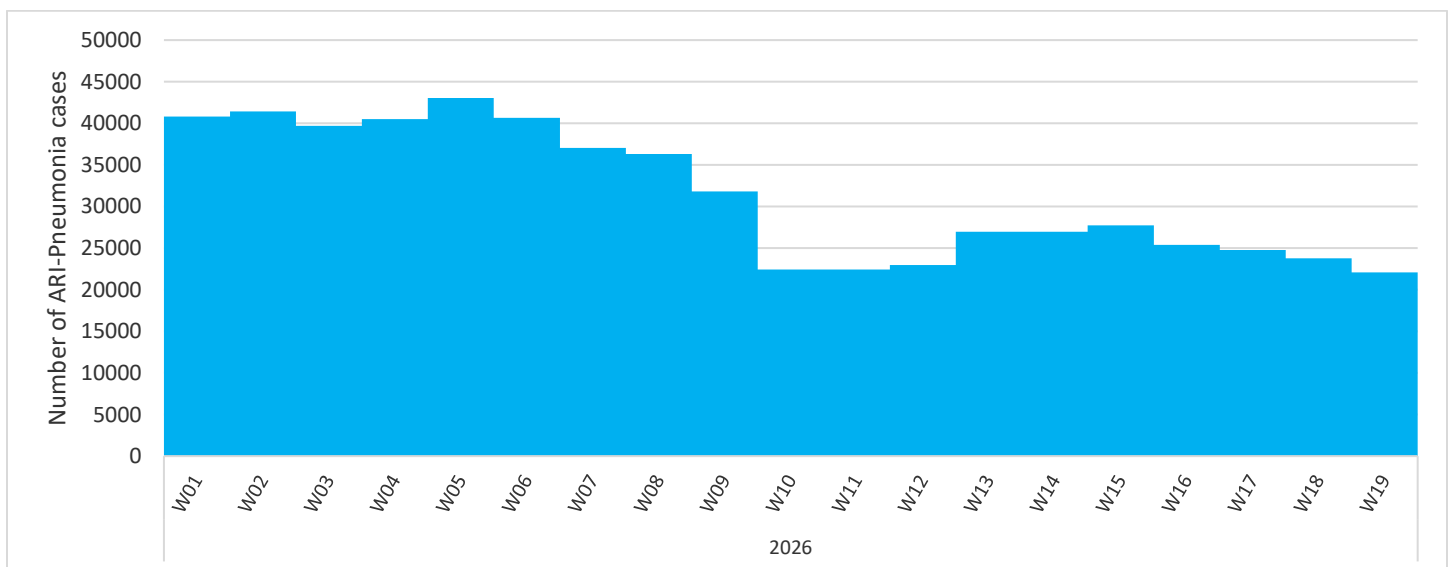
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 19, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 19th week of 2026, a total of 22,079 cases and 31 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.1%)
- Out of the total cases, 14,228 (64.4%) were under-five children, and 10,924 (49.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 602,311 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,136 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 385,380 (63.9%) are children under five and 299,479 (49.7%) are females.

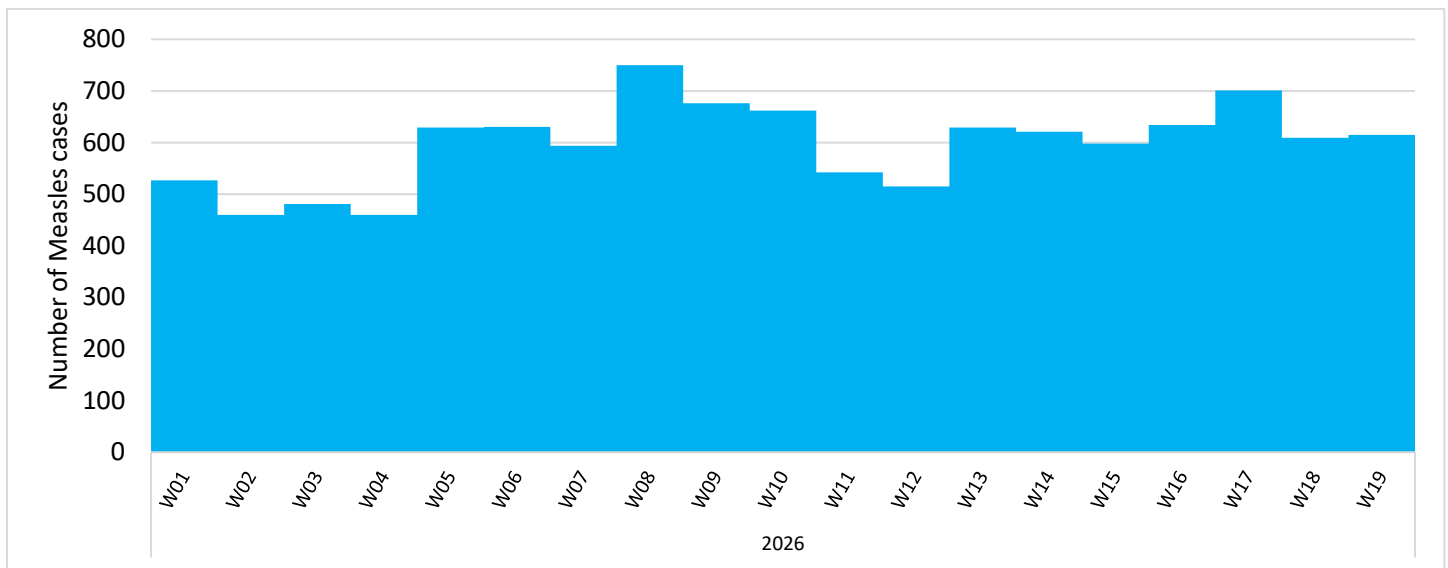
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 19, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 19th week of 2026, a total of 615 cases and 5 death have been reported (CFR=0.8%)
- Out of the total cases, 452 (73.5%) were under-five children, and 306 (49.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 11,333 measles cases and 44 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 9,079 (80.1%) are children under five and 5,373 (47.4%) are females.

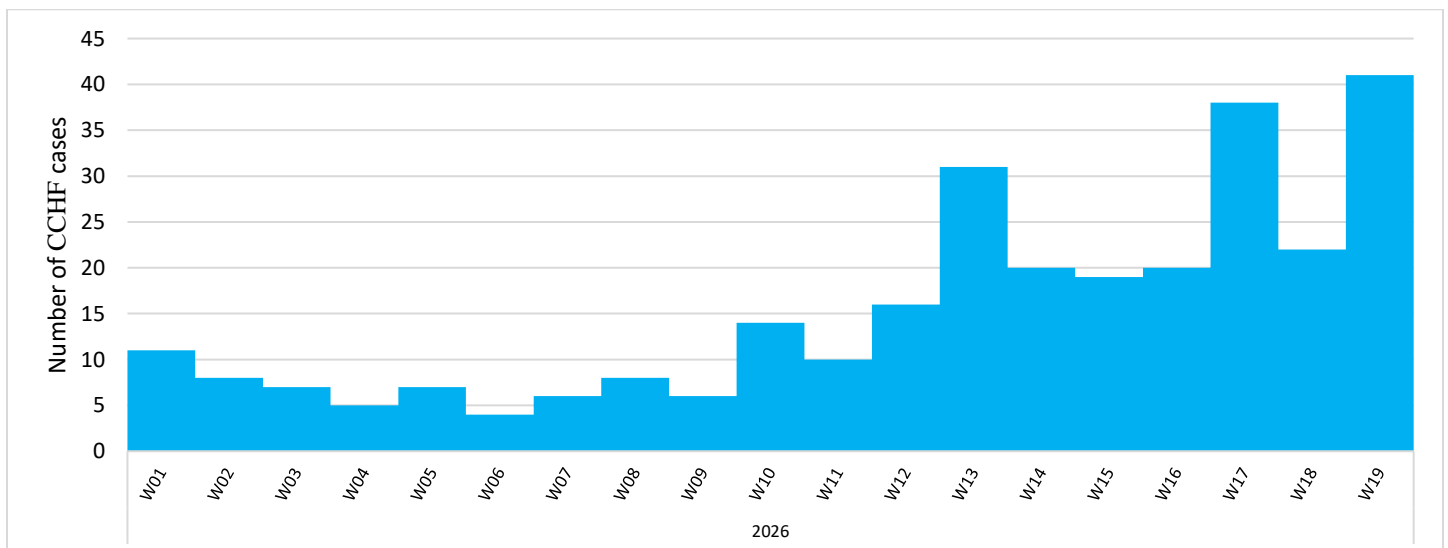
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 19, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual increase since week 10-2026.
- During week 19th 2026, a total of 41 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 15 of them (36.6%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 293 suspected CCHF cases and 7 deaths (CFR= 2.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 105 (35.8%) are females.

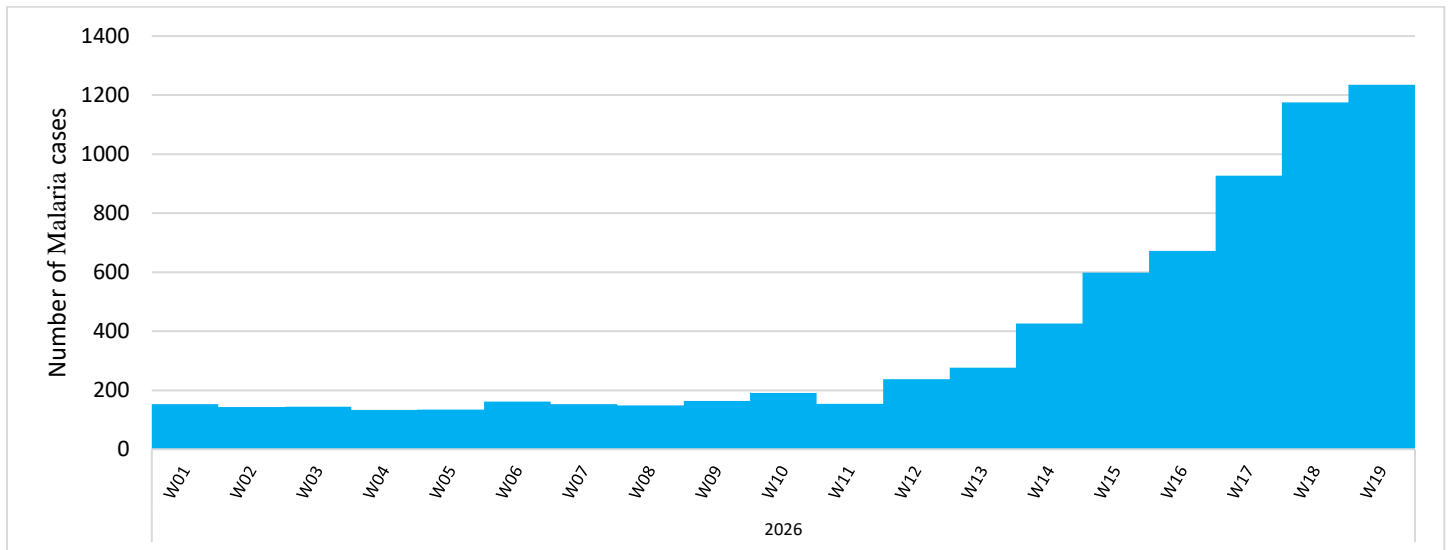
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 19, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 19th week of 2026, a total of 1,235 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 248 (20%) were children under-five, and 593 (48%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 7,224 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 1,425 (19.7%) are children under-five, and 3,315 (45.8%) are females.

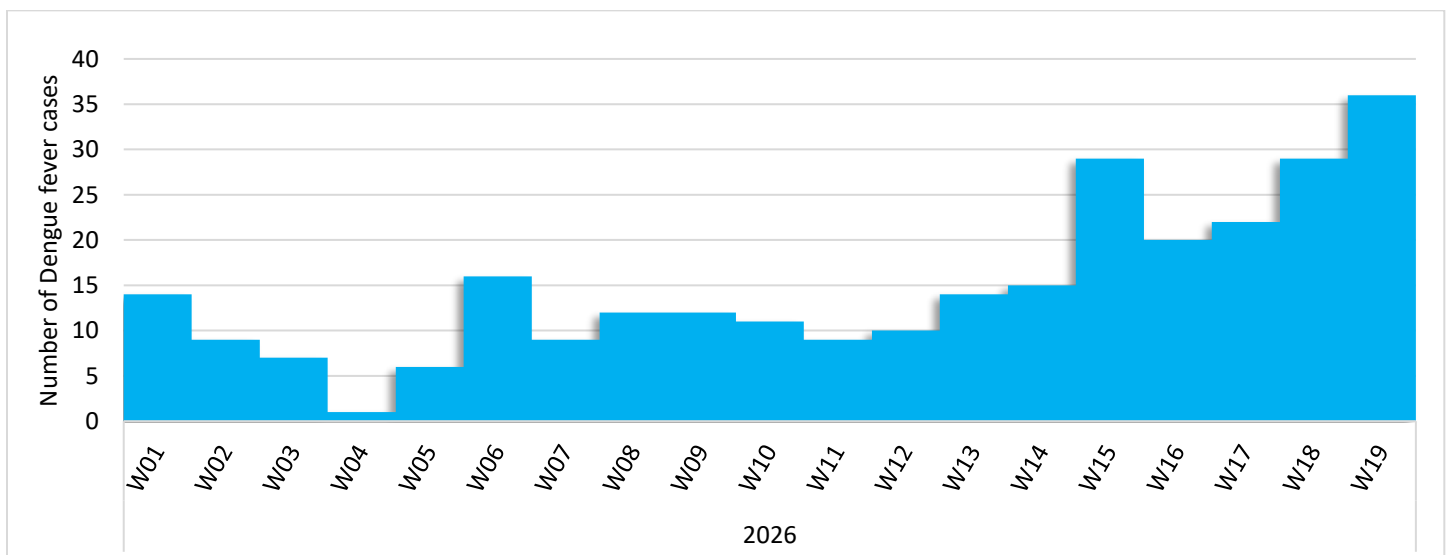
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 19, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 19th week of 2026, a total of 36 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 17 (47.2%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 274 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 83 (30%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 19, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 19th week of 2026, a total of 1,272 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 2 (0.2%) were under-five children, and 586 (46%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 24,278 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 130 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 12,151 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 19, 2026)

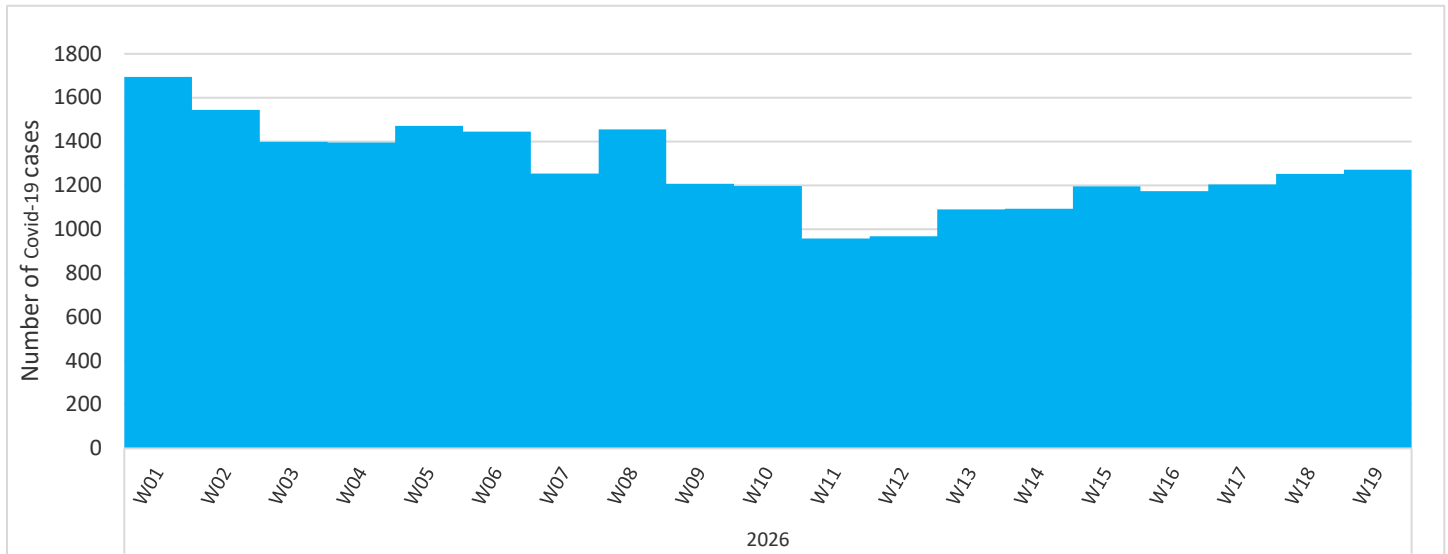


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

Figure 9: B (Measles)

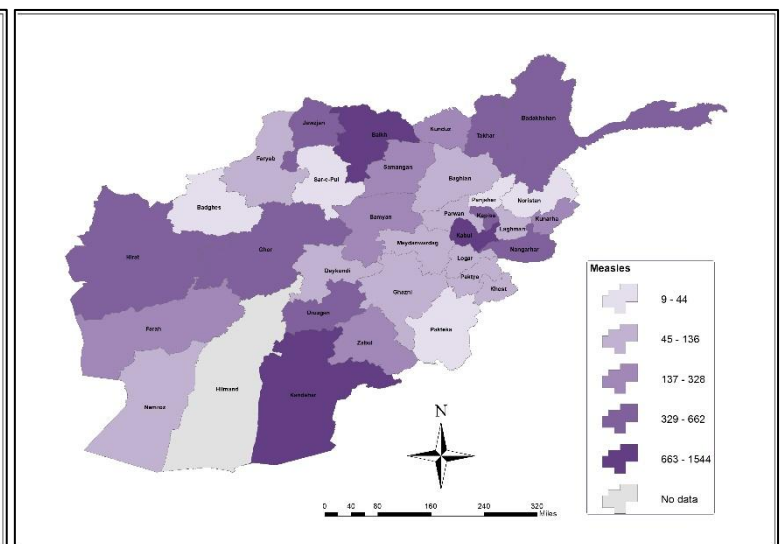
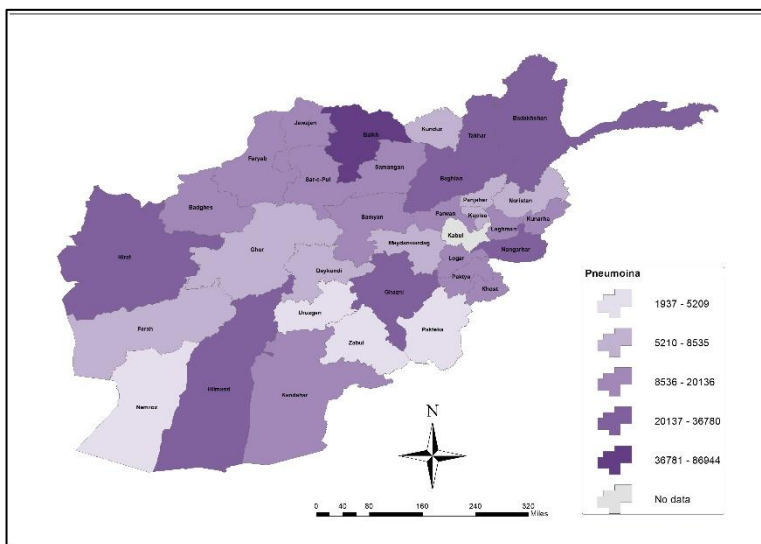


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

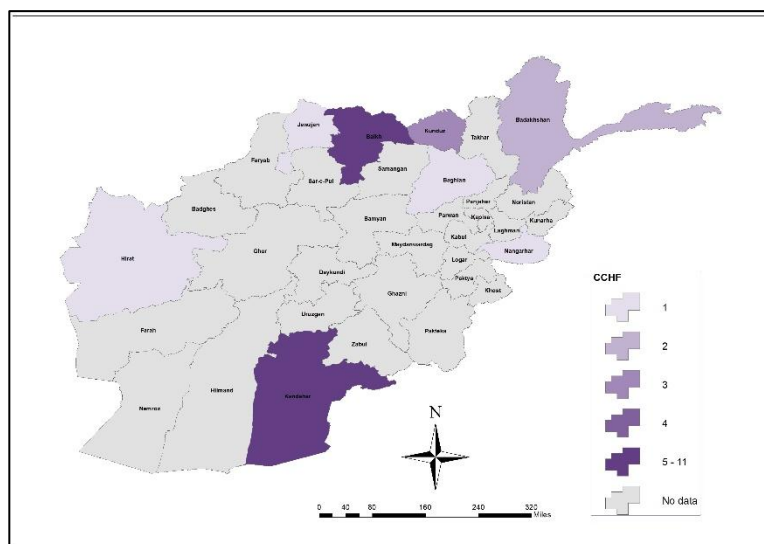
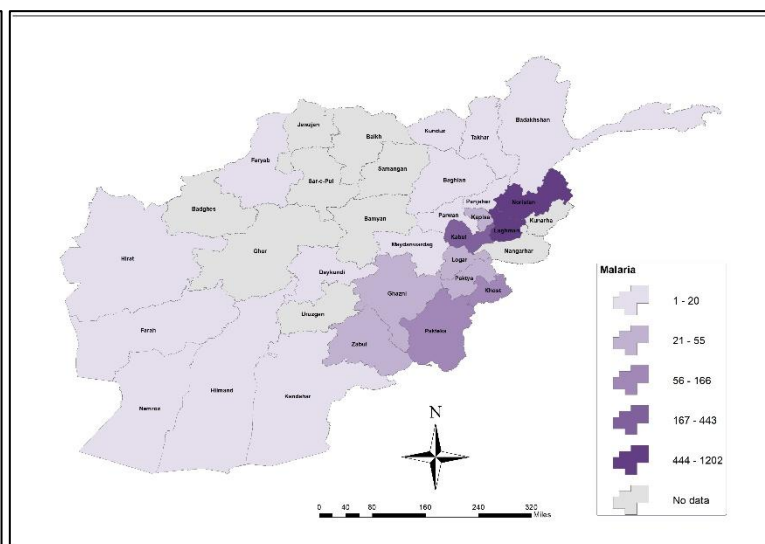


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 19 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 995 (17.2%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 683 (68.6%) were under 5 years old and 492 (49.7%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (1.3%) compared to the previous week, and 26-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 21 (80.7%) under five and 9 (34.6%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Herat (32%), Bamyan (27.9%), and Balkh (19%).
- During this week, our field staff in the country collected and shipped 45 specimens (27 SARI and 18 ILI) to the NIC. Out of all these tested specimens, 6 lab confirmed case reported for, Influenza Flu B Victoria, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 19, 2026

Influenza site	Specimen Tested	Lab Confirmed	Lab confirmed influenza subtype details				Confirmed (COVID-19)	Positivity rate (%)
			Flu A (H1N1pdm09)	Flu A (H3)	Flu B (Victoria)	Flu B (Yamagata)		
Baghlan	5	1	0	0	1	0	20%	
Badakhshan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Balkh	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Bamyan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Herat	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kabul	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kapisa	5	1	0	0	1	0	20%	
Kandahar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Nangarhar	5	2	0	0	2	0	40%	
Paktia	5	2	0	0	2	0	40%	
Total	45	6	0	0	6	0	13%	

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 19-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Measles	12/05/2026	Dykundi	Shahrestaan	Mohr	11	0	100%	98%
	14/05/2026	Helmand	Marjah	F8 Block	7	0	90%	80%
	11/05/2026	Helmand	Nawzaad	Qari Safid	6	0	80%	60%
	11/05/2026	Urozgan	Dehrawod	Kharaba	8	0	62%	61%
Pertussis	11/05/2026	Ghazni	Aab Band	Chamber	15	0	75%	10%
	11/05/2026	Wardak	Said Abad	Tara Khil	3	0	95%	80%
	11/05/2026	Zabul	Shah Joy	Dotani	14	0	73%	10%
Scabies	19 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Badakhshan (2), Badghis (1), Farah (2), Ghor (1), Herat (2), Kabul (1), Kunduz (1), Laghman (2), Logar (1), Nangarhar (1), Nooristan (1), Paktya (1), Panjshir (1), Sar-e-pul (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 1,715)							
Chickenpox	7 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (2), Ghor (1), Herat (1), Kabul (2), Parwan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 194)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	4 Dog bites/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Kabul (1), Nangarhar (1), Samangan (1) and Zabul (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 23 and 1 death)							
CCHF	1 CCHF outbreak was reported from Farah province (Total number of cases = 2)							
Conjunctivitis	1 Conjunctivitis outbreak was reported from Logar province (Total number of cases = 9)							
Food poisoning	1 Food poisoning outbreak was reported from Wardak province (Total number of cases = 13)							
Leishmaniasis	1 Leishmaniasis outbreak was reported from Baghlan province (Total number of cases = 24)							
Mumps	1 Mumps outbreak was reported from Panjshir province (Total number of cases = 20)							
Malaria	1 Malaria outbreak was reported from Nangarhar province (Total number of cases = 416)							

Figure 10: Geographical distribution of outbreaks and related deaths by province

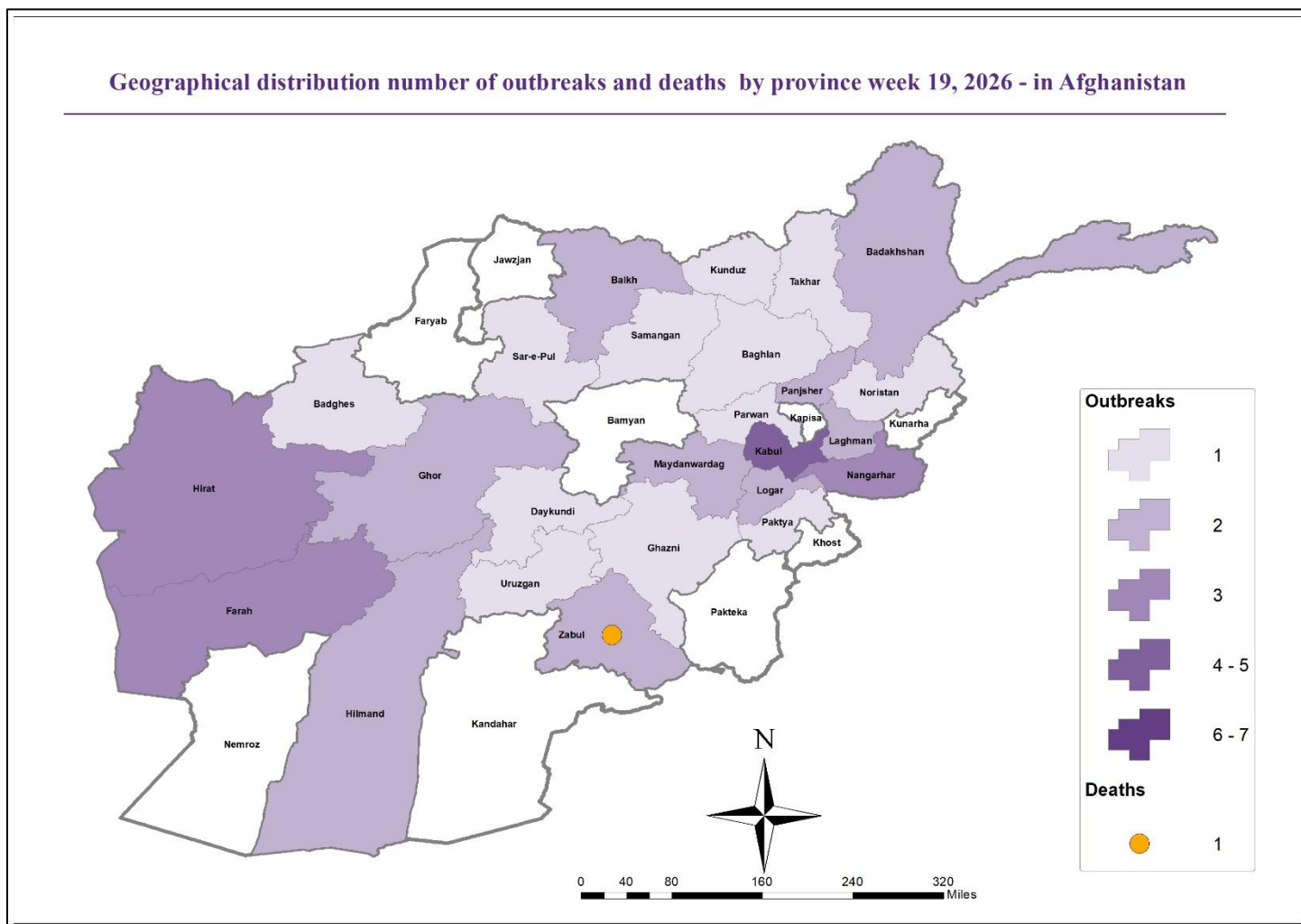


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	87	44	800	15
Scabies	288	0	12482	0
Chickenpox	131	27	2200	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	61	0	461	13
CCHF	8	7	33	0
Food Poisoning	7	0	126	0
Pertussis	98	40	560	0
Anthrax	14	0	15	0
AWD with Dehydration	0	0	0	0
Acute Watery Diarrhea	1	0	38	0
Malaria	3	1	814	0
ARI-Pneumonia	6	0	280	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	0	0	0	0
COVID-19	1	0	30	0
Impetigo	1	0	9	0
Typhoid Fever	5	0	92	0
Mumps	20	0	238	0

Leishmaniasis	5	0	471	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0
Tinea Capitis	1	0	11	0
ARI-Cough and Cold	0	0	0	0
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	1	0	15	0
Rubella	0	0	0	0
Probable Diphtheria	1	0	15	0
Neonatal Tetanus	1	0	1	1
Dengue fever	0	0	0	0
Mushroom Poisoning	1	0	9	0
Donkey Bite	1	0	43	0
Grand Total	742	119	18743	29

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

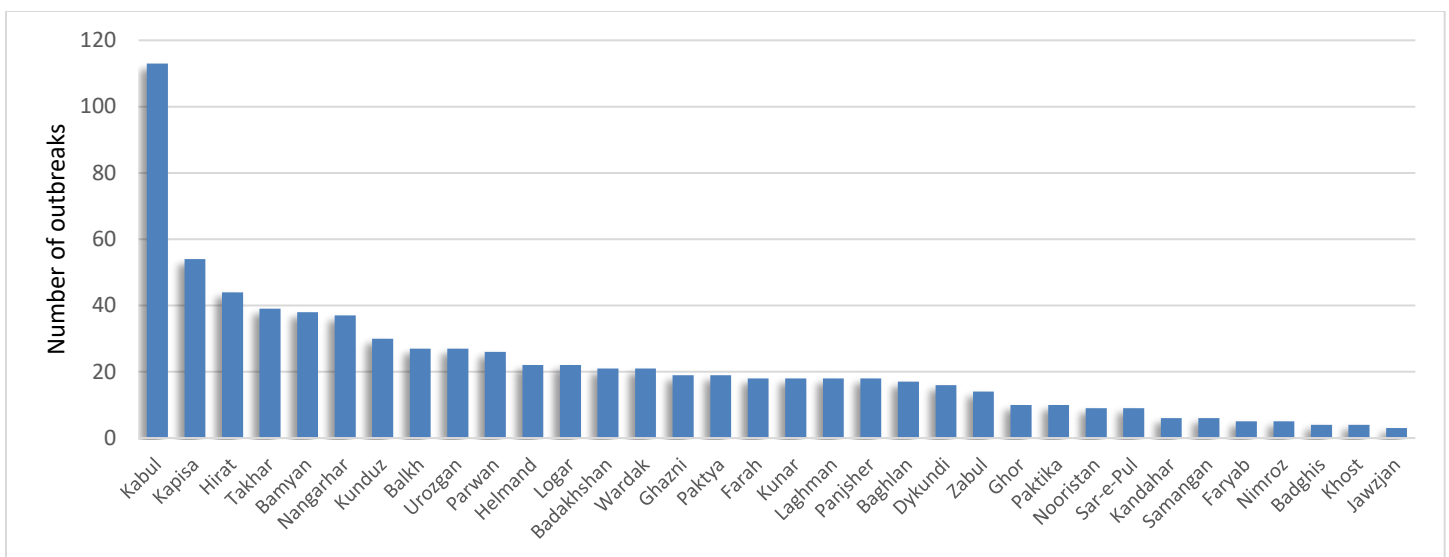


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

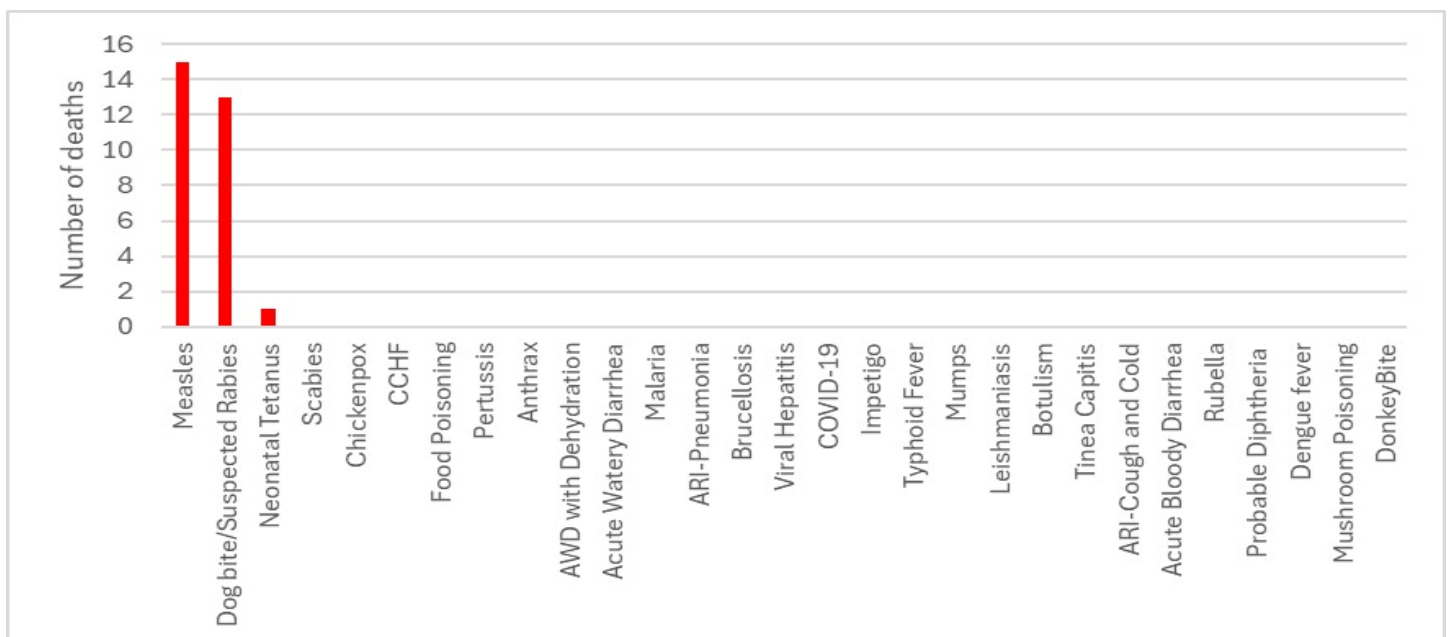


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 19-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Measles	101	47	46.5
Chickenpox	92	67	72.8
COVID-19	60	0	0.0
CCHF	31	15	48.4
SARI	27	1	3.7
ILI	18	5	27.8
HAV/HEV	6	5	83.3
Dengue Fever	2	0	0.0
Pertussis	1	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
Total	338	140	41.4

Challenges and recommendations:

- Increasing the number of scabies outbreaks as a public health challenge due to the unimproved lifestyle of the community, such as poor hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Increasing the number of chickenpox outbreaks due to the unavailability of the Varicella Zoster vaccine, and it is recommended to provide its vaccine through the national EPI.
- Increasing the number of dog-bite clusters, and it is recommended to provide its control measure through the Zoonotic Committee at the national level.
- Although the number of CCHF cases has increased since week 10 - 2026, it is recommended to maintain and strengthen control measures at the national level to prevent further transmission
- The increasing outbreaks of pertussis require strengthened vaccination coverage and preventive measures.
- The measles response strategy should be reviewed to respond to the current measles epidemic situation, as the surveillance system detected **647 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **5 (IBS+EBS) deaths** at the national level, further prevention and control measures should be conducted by the EPI team.
- The findings should be analyzed further at different levels, and appropriate actions should be taken by the department concerned.

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